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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (March 16-23, 2008)

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[1](#)1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

[1](#)2. (U) During the March 16-23, 2008 reporting period, no Turkish security official was killed or injured. The total number of security force casualties for the year through March 23, 2008 was 20 killed and 18 injured.

[1](#)3. (U) During the same period, six PKK terrorists were captured and another two surrendered. None were killed. According to official TGS website figures, through the third week of March, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 260, the number of those captured was 70, and the number of those who surrendered was 30.

[1](#)4. (U) Two civilians died and an undetermined number (well into the dozens) were injured during unauthorized Nevruz celebrations in Van on March 22 and in Yuksekova, Hakkari Province on March 23. Civilian casualties linked to PKK-related violence and counter-PKK operations for the year through the end of the third week of March were nine killed, with another 49 wounded.

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